

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE ARBITRATION OF: SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P., Petitioning party, and U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., Responding party.	DOCKET NO. ARB-00-1
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**ORDER DOCKETING ARBITRATION PETITION
AND SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

(Issued July 6, 2000)

On June 21, 2000, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) filed a petition requesting arbitration of the unresolved issues in the interconnection negotiations between itself and U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST). The issues set forth in the petition include reciprocal compensation for traffic delivered to enhanced service providers (ESPs); availability and charges for unbundled network elements; vertical features; and access charges for local services. In support of its petition, Sprint provided a joint issues matrix which specifies the unresolved issues. Additionally, the parties' agreements on resolved issues was filed with the petition for arbitration as Exhibit 1. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(b)(3). U S WEST may respond

to the petition within 25 days after receipt by the Utilities Board (Board). U S WEST's response is due July 17, 2000.

The Board will docket the proceeding as Docket No. ARB-00-1. A prehearing conference by telephone will be convened on July 25, 2000, at 10 a.m. Parties are directed to dial (515) 323-1957 to participate in the prehearing conference. An agenda for this conference will be provided by fax to the attorney of record for each party by the Board's staff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The petition filed by Sprint Communications Company L.P. for arbitration with U S WEST Communications, Inc. on June 21, 2000, is docketed as Docket No. ARB-00-1.
2. A prehearing conference by telephone is scheduled for July 25, 2000, at 10 a.m.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 6th day of July, 2000.